

Town of Arlington Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
Symmes Transportation Subcommittee (STS)

Thursday, December 16, 2004

Town Hall Annex First floor Conference Room, 5:45 PM

STS members present: Ed Starr (Chair), Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Jeff Maxtutis, Scott Smith
Others present: Patrick McMahon (Symmes Redevelopment Associates), Terry Dash, Deborah Dill, Elaine Duffy (Symmes Neighbors)

Administration

The minutes of December 6, 2004 were approved. The next STS meeting date was set for Tuesday, December 21, 2004.

Plan for Symmes Transportation Tasks

Patrick McMahon reported that Howard/Stein-Hudson (HSH) had not yet completed their analysis for the Task 2 items of the Plan for Symmes Transportation Tasks, stating that the delay was due to the 10% growth rate analysis, and that they expected to distribute their results on December 20th. Patrick also reported that SRA would be filing the Special Permit Application at least a week later than expected, resulting in a later date for the public meeting.

Ed Starr distributed a summary of traffic delay data from the HSH Transportation Overview relating to the Hospital Road approach to Summer Street. Synchro data was included for: 2009 No-Build with stop sign, Build with Woodside Open & stop sign, Build with Woodside Open signalized and Build with Woodside Closed signalized. Average travel times and level of service data from the Overview were also included.

Elisabeth Carr-Jones asked if there had been refinements made to the intersection's signal timing since the Overview was produced that might have changed the anticipated delays; Patrick McMahon agreed to find out from HSH.

Neighborhood Issues

Terry Dash asked how much traffic from the Symmes site would be insensitive to the delay at Summer Street; Scott Smith explained that the data is usually represented by an elongated S-curve on a graph of percentage of traffic over the relative delay. Deborah Dill asked if a stop sign would be installed at the reconfigured south end of upper Brattle Street. The Subcommittee agreed to find out.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Handouts:

Traffic Delay Summary: Hospital Road to Summer Street - from Ed Starr
Minutes of December 6, 2004 STS meeting - from Elisabeth Carr-Jones